

**1. Discussion Objective:**

**Work Session Date: June 06, 2011**

Discuss subjects for a Legislative Platform for the 2012 Legislative Session.

**2. Submitter of Information:**

- ☐ Council  
☒ Town Staff  
☐ Town Attorney


**3. Estimated Time for this item: 30 Minutes**

**4. Exhibits**

List of 2011 platform items

**5. Background:**

There are issues that may require the attention of our State Senators and Representatives. Some may require action on their part that may include submittal of legislation or support of a bill sponsored by another legislator. It is important to identify and prepare supporting information and/or actions on the Town's part well in advance of the actual legislative session. Most work on such matters is done well in advance of the session itself. In order to define those issues and be prepared to support them during the initial submittal of bills and the committee meetings necessary, the Town must now begin its work to select items important to our priorities.

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Cultural Resources Director	Town Clerk
						

Issues to consider for inclusion in the Town's Legislative Agenda

- Oppose all unfunded mandates particularly water, sewer and stormwater
- Oppose any legislation that will dilute or diminish local government Home Rule Powers
- Support continued funding through the State Revolving fund (SRF)
- Initiate/Support the addition of stormwater improvement projects ( new or retrofits) within a state loan program
- Support the need for scientific data for any numeric nutrient criteria
- Oppose Offshore Drilling for gas/oil off the coast of Florida
- Support legislation for limitations on Lake Okeechobee water releases in to the Caloosahatchee River.
- Support funding for historic preservation projects and archeological programs.